

The Rush County Council met in special session on Monday, March 8th, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, John Pavey, Gerald Mohr, Warren Norris, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Leigh Morning, Attorney, and Deborah Adams, Auditor in attendance.

Chairman, Norman Winkler called the meeting to order. Minutes of the February 10th, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Bruce Levi, seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, asked that any surveys completed in regards to the recently passed GIS copy ordinance not need to pay twice through the auditors office. Deborah Adams, Auditor indicated that she did not have any objection with this agreement.

HEALTH

Health Board Attorney Julie Newhouse provided council members with a copy of the letter issued to Council President Norman Winkler. Newhouse indicated that as an independent contractor Reno Gosser would not be covered under the county liability policy.

Newhouse continued by informing the council that the Health Board is requesting that they be allowed to employ Reno Gosser on a part-time basis at the rate of \$20.00 for a period of three (3) seven (7) hour days per week, even though this is not according to the salary ordinance of the part-time pay of \$10.50 per hour. The Health Department was granted \$24,000.00 out of the tobacco funds to employ an environmental engineer. Newhouse continued by asking the council to allow the \$20.00 per hour rate through the tobacco funds as opposed to the \$10.50 per hour rate.

Newhouse also informed the council that the Health Department is also requesting that they be allowed to pay the part-time home health aides through the tobacco fund. The rate would continue at the \$10.50 per hour rate for a two (2) hour visit.

Councilman Jerry Kent asked Health Officer Dr. Davis Ellis and Health Board President Dr. Craig Fenimore if Reno Gosser would accept a lower wage of \$18.64. Dr. Fenimore and Dr. Ellis both indicated that Gosser would not take less than \$20.00 Kent indicated that he could justify his decision yet he did not want to set a precedent. Jerry Kent made the motion to allow Reno Gosser to receive \$20.00 per hour for part-time pay out of the tobacco funds. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The salary ordinance will be amended and approved during the April 14th council meeting.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Councilman John Pavey reported that the North Industrial Park is looking at expanding. Pavey reported that the City is looking at TIF funding and that the Redevelopment Commission is meeting March 16th for further discussion.

EMA

Councilman Jerry Kent questioned as to the location of the hospital generator. County Attorney Leigh Morning indicated that the EMA director is searching for a grant to transport and relocate the generator from the hospital.

Motion to adjourn at 8:53 a.m. was initiated by John Pavey. Bruce Levi seconded the motion, motion carried.

_____ Norman Winkler, Chairman	_____ John Pavey	_____ Gerald Mohr
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_____ Warren Norris	_____ Bruce Levi	_____ Kevin Spilman
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Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor